

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1896.

ISN'T THIS RASCALLY.

The first settlers on Truckee Meadows took up farms and fenced them before the land was surveyed by the Government. Each settler aimed to hold 160 acres under the Pre-emption laws and some had more and some had less within their inclosures. In 1863 the lands were surveyed by the Government and as the tenures of the settlers did not correspond with the section lines a meeting was held and all interested entered into an agreement to exchange deeds for fractional parts of quarter sections pre-empted by them lying within the inclosures of their neighbors. In 1864 one, W. S. Chapman, appeared on the scene as attorney-in-fact for Charles Musso, a Sioux half-breed, to whom the Government had issued land scrip or warrants. Mr. Chapman, as appears from the records, had his power of attorney recorded in this country and negotiated with the settlers to enter the lands in excess of 160 acres which some of them had inclosed and deeded to them when he had procured patent for the same, they agreeing to pay an average of five dollars per acre for the lands with interest on the amount at two per cent, per month from date of contract until patent was issued. Musso received patents for the lands and deeded to the settlers in 1861 and 1865, and as the patents and deeds were recorded in this county the settlers supposed their titles were perfect. Some of the lands are yet held by the original owners and more of them have changed hands several times, no question being raised as to the validity of the title.

Now, in the year of Grace, 1896, suit is brought in the name of the United States to annul patents issued by the United States a generation ago and deprive settlers of lands which they purchased from a person holding United States patent for the same. Yesterday subpoenas were served on those holding the lands to appear in the United States Circuit Court at Carson Monday, April 6th, to answer to the complaint and show cause why they should not be dispossessed of lands which they purchased thirty years ago and have cultivated and held in disputed possession of ever since.

Is not this rascally, to say the least? Many of the land owners are poorer today than when they purchased their farms and can ill afford the expense of a suit with the United States Government to retain possession of their homes. If the validity of a United States patent is questioned thirty years after it is issued and innocent purchasers of title under that patent forced to defend suits in the United States Courts for their homes, what guarantee has anybody holding lands under United States patents that his title will not be questioned? Congress, instead of devoting weeks to the discussion of a Cuban resolution, which means nothing, should do something to protect our citizens from the rapacity of Federal officials.

THE OHIO IDEA.

The gold bugs are under renewed obligations to the Ohio Republican State Convention. It has given them a new idea in straddling the financial question which they will probably adopt at St. Louis. Here it is:

We contend for honest money, for a currency of gold, silver and paper with which to measure our exchanges, that shall be as sound as the Government, as unadorned as its honor, and to that end we favor bimetallism and demand the use of both gold and silver as standard money, either in accordance with a ratio to be fixed by an international agreement, if that can be obtained, or under such restrictions and such provisions to be determined by legislation as will secure the maintenance of the parity of values of the two metals, so that the purchasing and debt-paying power of the dollar, whether of silver, paper or gold, shall be at all times equal.

What does that mean? Who is there that does not favor sound money? Does bimetallism mean that ten cent pieces shall be kept in circulation, or are we to understand by it that the mints shall be kept open to gold and closed to silver? If under the gold standard the debt-paying and purchasing power of the dollar, whether of silver, paper or gold, shall at all times be equal, how does it happen that with nearly \$200,000,000 available cash in silver and paper in the Treasury, interest-bearing bonds are issued for gold to redeem Treasury notes and greenbacks to supply the European demand for gold? Why mortgage the country again and again for gold when there is abundance of available cash in the Government vaults to meet all demands against the Government? Why is it that the Government pays all its obligations in gold and issues bonds to get the gold, with plenty of other kinds of money in its vaults. Why the debt-paying and purchasing power of the dollar, whether silver, paper or gold, is the same?

Could the ingenuity of politicians, who use words to conceal their thoughts, devise a more meaningless jumble of words to deceive the people than is embodied in the financial plank of the Ohio Republican platform?

A GREAT SPEECH.

The Cuban question, which has been the subject of discussion in both Houses of Congress for two weeks or more was temporarily laid aside yesterday and the financial question taken up. Senator Cookrell of Missouri made a speech which was an elaborate presentation of the financial question from

a silver standpoint. Hoar and other Senators said it was the ablest speech they ever heard on the silver question. It was logical and conclusive, though occasionally the speaker changed from argument to criticism of Secretary Carlisle and his methods.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, was in the gallery when Senator Cookrell closed his speech with the remark that if we are to be subservient to the English money interests we should haul down "Old Glory," raise the gold standard and shout, "Long live the Queen of Great Britain and Empress of India."

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Albert Wallace was hanged at Pekin, Illinois, yesterday for the murder of his sister.

Alexander Nemethy, a butcher at Yonkers, New York, murdered his stepdaughter, Mary Witowski, and then killed himself. The girl repulsed his advances.

The Democratic State Central Committee of California has issued a call for a convention at Sacramento, June 20th to elect delegates to the National Convention.

Counsel for Scott Jackson and A. W. Walling, the alleged murderers of Pearl Bryan, are fighting hard in the Cincinnati courts to prevent the extradition of their clients to Kentucky.

Thomas Gates, Superintendent of the Territorial Prison at Yuma, A. T., committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Despondency, caused by ill health, led to the rash act.

Colonel Thomas H. Nelson, a brother of General William Nelson, died yesterday at Terre Haute, Indiana. He was Minister to Chili from 1861 to 1866, and from 1869 to 1873 was Envoy to Mexico. He was born in Kentucky in 1820.

P. R. Nicholson shot and killed R. Conover and James Root near Pinon Mountain, San Bernardino county, Cal., last Thursday. The men were partners in mining claims and the fatal quarrel resulted from difficulty in dividing their interests.

The Kentucky Legislature balloted for Senator yesterday with the usual results, the Republicans refusing to vote at first, but subsequently changing their minds. The ballot stood: Blackburn, 51; Boyle, 65; Carlisle, 14; Buckner, 1; Pettifit, 1.

W. A. Shoemaker, who was leading counsel for Holmes, the murderer, was debarred yesterday from practicing in the court of Oyer and Terminer in Philadelphia. The charge against Shoemaker was subornation of perjury in connection with the Holmes case.

The Congregational Council which has been investigating the charges against Rev. Dr. Brown in San Francisco, has adjourned until next week without finding a verdict. The belief is prevalent that the verdict will be guilty of conduct unbecoming a minister.

H. R. Maun, an insurance agent at Spokane, Washington, was awakened early yesterday morning by a burglar who entered his room. He drew a revolver from under his pillow and fired. The burglar jumped out of the window, ran a short distance and fell dead on the sidewalk.

Professor J. E. Hollister, an itinerant evangelist, who has been conducting revival meetings at Hollister, Cal., eloped with Miss Annie McCrosky, the daughter of one of the wealthiest citizens of Hollister. The runaways were stopped at San Jose and the Professor arrested on charge of abduction, as the girl is not of age. Miss McCrosky refused to go home with her parents and they consented to her marriage.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Items of Interest From Here, There and Everywhere.

The Tribune learns that Charley Colborn has a Congressional bee buzzing in his bonnet.

A dispatch to the Central News from Bombay says Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) is seriously ill at Jeyapore.

Ivan Williams has sold his racing horse "Our Dick" to young Hobart of San Francisco. It is said that the price was \$1,800. It still pays to raise good horses.

M. K. Peterson, who was arrested here on a charge of stealing two horses from Ed. Enmons of Lovelock, pleaded guilty to petit larceny and was sentenced by Justice Young of Lovelock to 120 days in the Humboldt county jail.

"It is a disgraceful shame!" said an angry wife the other night as the husband staggered into the house in a dazed condition. "You have been drinking again, and it was only last week that you took the pledge." "Just my luck," said the husband, "break everything I get hold of."

The Virginia Enterprise says Mrs. Rose McAuliffe, who was arrested three days ago in company with her daughter, "Ricketty" Kate and Indiana Bob, while all three were intoxicated, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly yesterday by Justice Corbett and was sentenced to ninety days in jail.

Among the gold coins pulled from old stockings and strong boxes in the last bond deal were a number of \$5 gold coins minted at Dolonega in 1842. Few people living remember that there ever was a Government in the sleepy old town. But there was, and it existed during its twenty-five years of existence over \$7,000,000 in gold.

The decision of Judge Talbot in the mandamus action against the city of Lincoln, brought by Samuel Davis of San Francisco, to compel the Board

of County Commissioners to levy a tax for the payment of interest due on unpaid bond coupons, was submitted in writing and denied the petition. The Court's opinion was of considerable length and covered the action very clearly. The opinion will be received throughout the county with great satisfaction and gladness.—*DeLamar Lode*.

A CARD.

The advertisements relating to the University concert for next Wednesday evening appearing now in the JOURNAL and GAZETTE are misleading. The entertainment is in no sense a musical given by myself, as stated. It is a concert given for the benefit of the Gymnasium fund by the musical talent of Reno. The numbers include vocal solos by Mrs. Lee and Miss Stanaway, a quartette embracing Mrs. Layton, Mrs. Lee and the Misses Layton, a violin solo by Mr. E. A. Schultze, a piano solo by Miss Williams, a quartette for brass instruments, and orchestral numbers. The overtures "Post and Peasant" and "Der Freischütz" will be presented by the orchestra.

The training of the violinists appearing in the orchestra has been in charge of Mr. E. A. Schultze, whose work has contributed much toward the success of this part of the entertainment.

F. H. HILLMAN.

Reno, March 14, 1896.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Preaching morning and evening at the usual time. Epworth League meets at 5:30 p. m. All are invited.

Baptist Church—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 12:15 p. m.; Young People's Society at 6 p. m. N. L. Freeman, pastor.

Congregational Church—The services at this church begin to-day at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. A cordial welcome is extended to all who come.

Trinity Church—Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7 p. m.; Sunday School, 12:30 o'clock.

Unity Congregation—Services at Clough & Crosby's Hall at 11 a. m. Sermons of M. J. Savage. Subject, "Love for thy Neighbor." Sunday School at usual hour.

Katie Putnam.

Katie Putnam's new play, "The Old Lime Kiln," is one of the distinct hits of the season. The elaborate scenery, depicting some of the features of Yellowstone National Park, has been praised without stint and the play is said to equal in interest to "In Old Kentucky" by the same author. It will be presented at McKissick's Opera House next Saturday night.

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